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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

OVATION GIVEN TO JAPANESE OFFICERS

Admiral Togo Embarrassed at
Noisy Demonstration.

CITY WAS GAILY DECORATED

Congratulations of Ministers Received
and Future Successes Toasted—New
Operations Being Planned—Other
News From Far East.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—11 a. m.—Admiral
Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura,
with their staffs, arrived at the Shim-
bashi station at 9:30 o'clock today.

Their journey from Kure to Tokio
was a continuous ovation. At an
early hour today the streets were filled
and the city was gaily decorated with
flags, lanterns and new year's decora-
tions. Representatives of the emper-
or and empress, Prince Fushimi, Jr.,
elder statesmen, ministers, prominent
Japanese and thousands of school chil-
dren, greeted the arrival of the naval
heroes at the station. The presidents
of both houses of the diet presented
them with the resolutions of commen-
dation passed by their respective
branches of parliament.

The quiet, gray-bearded admiral, To-
go, in a blue service uniform, seemed
embarrassed at the noisy ovation.

Rear Admiral Shimamura, chief of
staff, laughingly bowed forward to
Vice Admiral Kamimura. The junior
officer tried to clear the way, but the
crowd closed in on Admiral Togo, and
they were frequently forced to push
the crowd backward in an endeavor to
clear the reaching hands.

Finally Admiral Togo and Vice Ad-
miral Kamimura were freed from their
enthusiastic admirers and surrounded
by officers they entered the carriages
sent by the emperor, and started for
the palace.

As Admiral Togo appeared a great
cheer arose and the Banzai! followed
Banzai! Preceded by gendarmes, the
party drove under triumphal arches,
waving flags and discharged fireworks
through the cheering crowds, to the
navy department, where a brief stop
was made, during which the congrat-
ulations of the ministers were received
and future successes were toasted.

Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Ka-
nimura then proceeded to the palace
to report to the emperor. They will
probably remain in Tokio about a week
for the purpose of consulting with the
general staff and perfecting plans for
future operations.

Great Activity in Naval Circles.

Che Foo, Dec. 30.—6 p. m.—The
British steamer Canton, just arrived
from Vladivostok reports great ac-
tivity there in naval circles, every ef-
fort being made to complete the dry
dock before the arrival of the second
division of the Pacific squadron. Many
mines have been removed because the
harbor will soon be covered with ice.
The cruisers now in port never leave
the harbor. A passage through the
ice will have to be freshly made when
Admiral Skrydloff attempts to join Ad-
miral Rojestvensky.

Dynamite Used to Blow Up Walls.

Headquarters of the Japanese Third
Army, via Fusan, Dec. 30.—Rihung
mountain, captured yesterday, is the
largest and strongest of the eastern
fort ridge. The tunnels for mines
were cut through solid rock and two
tons of dynamite were used to blow
up the walls. The spectacle was mag-
nificent and the work of the assaulters
was splendid. Half the garrison was
killed by the explosion of the first
charge. The remainder of the Rus-
sians made a stubborn resistance. Four
heavy guns, seven rapid fire guns and
two machine guns were captured, as
well as 30 quick-firing guns which
were stored in the fort.

Cut His Brother's Throat.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—An Italian
whose name is unknown, and living
with his two brothers, became insane
and cut one of his brother's throat,
and was himself probably fatally shot
by a policeman. The wounding of the
two men occurred as the culmination
of a struggle between the insane man
and his brother, and a policeman who
had been called in to arrest him.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown Entertained
Friends on Christmas Day.

A social Christmas entertainment
was given at the residence of Mr. and
Mrs. W. E. Brown on West Liberty
street, in the suburbs of Gainesville,
on Monday, the 26th inst. The guests
began to arrive early in the day and
each in turn were pleasantly received
with the usual greeting of a "Merry
Christmas" from the very estimable
host and hostess, after which they were
ushered into the dining room, where a
large table fairly groaning with good
things awaited them, and after the
accustomed ceremony the fowls flew
away and other Christmas "goodies"
fairly vanished from sight as each
guest tried to do their duty to relieve
the table of its burden.

The inner man being satisfied and
usual jokes and toasts indulged in, the
jolly crowd repaired to the parlor,
where a beautiful holly tree stood eleg-
antly decorated and bearing many
useful and valuable presents for the
grown people; wagons, horses, tops,
balls and whistles for the boys; dolls,
baby beds and other pretty things for
the girls.

The tree was beautifully illuminated
with candles of red, white and blue,
and as each one gazed upon it our
hearts leaped with ecstasy and in con-
cert exclaimed, "Isn't it beautiful?"
The picture of the tree was taken by
flashlight by J. D. Russell, after which
it was carefully picked of its costly
plumage, and each one made happy as
their names were called and Santa
Claus had so bountifully remembered
them.

The afternoon passed with music,
games and social conversation, when
the guests took their departure for
their respective homes, wishing Mr.
and Mrs. Brown many more happy
Christmas days.

Those present from a distance were
W. R. Sharman and two daughters of
Hawthorn, Mrs. W. A. Paulsen and
daughter, Laurel, of Orange Heights,
Clyde Sharman of Hawthorn, Mrs. J.
H. Patterson of Orange Heights, Those
from Gainesville, Mrs. J. D. Russell
and daughters, Frada and Barbara,
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Becker and two
sons, Mrs. W. S. Dorsey and daughters,
Mrs. A. Cone, Mrs. Pound and daugh-
ter, Mae; Messrs. H. C. Brown and
Reed Mortan; and now lastly but not
leastly comes the bride and groom.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown. The bride's
eyes were sparkling with happiness,
and the bright and contented expres-
sion of the groom's face indicated that
he fully realized that Santa had been
good to him. May these expressions
never grow old, and that roses instead
of thorns may always grow in their
pathway, is the wish of the writer.

PATRY.

Installation of Officers.

The regular installation of officers of
Gainesville Lodge No. 41, Free and
Accepted Masons, was held at the
lodge room Wednesday evening, and
was as follows:

W. B. Higdon, W. M.; J. I. Flake, S.
W.; McCuen Tomkies, S. W.; J. G.
Torrey, treasurer; R. A. Becker, S. D.;
A. M. Cushman, J. D.; Joe Manasse,
S. S.; E. Baird, J. S.; Marcus Endel,
marshal.

The meeting was characterized by its
large attendance and the great inter-
est manifested, and the members ex-
pressed themselves as being greatly
impressed with the installation ser-
vices, which were conducted by Marcus
Endel, one of the most thoroughly
posted Masons in the State.

Has Received Commission.

C. C. Pedrick received Saturday a
New Year's present. This present was
in the form of his commission as coun-
ty commissioner of Alachua county, to
which responsible position he was
elected at the last general election.

Mr. Pedrick will succeed at the next
meeting of the Board of County Com-
missioners, which will convene Tues-
day, Dr. T. F. Thomas, who has served
the people of this district faithfully for
several years. That he will be a
worthy successor there is no doubt,
and inasmuch as Mr. Pedrick is an en-
thusiastic advocate of good roads his
constituents expect great things of
him during his administration.

SUWANNEE COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS

Extension of J. & S. W. Railroad
Means Big Thing.

LAND VALUES ARE INCREASING

The Extension of the Road Will Open
Up a New and Fertile Country, Rich
in Timber—Iron Now Ready to be
Laid, and Work to Begin Soon.

Among the prominent visitors to
Gainesville Saturday was E. S. Gaul-
den of Old Town, an extensive naval
stores operator of that section.

Mr. Gaulden states that he never
saw the country in better condition, or
the prospects more encouraging, than
at this time. Lands in Western Ala-
chua and LaFayette counties are in-
creasing in value, in anticipation of
the extension of the Jacksonville and
Southwestern Railway from Newberry,
which will open up one of the finest
agricultural and timber sections in the
State.

"The iron has been placed on the
ground, and I am informed that a
force of men will begin in a day or two
laying the track," remarked Mr. Gaul-
den. "It is said that there is ample
iron to lay the extension from New-
berry to Old Town, a distance of about
twenty miles."

The opening of this new country by
the invasion of the Jacksonville and
Southwestern will mean a great deal
to the people of the section traversed.
Some of the most fertile lands of the
South, which at present are unculti-
vated, will be transformed into green
and prolific fields, where everything
known to agriculture will grow and
thrive. There are also hundreds of
thousands of acres of fine timber which
has not been molested, owing to the
inability to move it, which will be used
for turpentine and saw mill purposes.

Altogether, this new country offers
great advantages to the active business
interests of the State, and it goes
without saying that they will be taken
advantage of.

THE NEWS FROM WINDSOR.

Rumor of a Wedding—Winter Visitors
Arriving—Other Notes.

Windsor, Dec. 31.—Cold weather has
set Windsor people to thinking about
orange-tree protection again.

Several of our winter guests have
arrived. Dr. Byre and wife and Mrs.
McFadden arrived Saturday; Mr. and
Mrs. VanFossen and son, and Mrs.
Harmless, all of Indiana, are spend-
ing some time in Windsor.

Rumor has it that Guss Ormand and
Miss Sherouse were united in marriage
at Windsor on December 18th, Rev.
Mr. Branning of Waldo officiating.

Prof. Joe Coffee, in company with
Rev. Mr. Branning, visited Windsor
Wednesday.

Windsor would be a good location for
anyone wishing to engage in pecan
growing. W. H. Byles has two young
trees that produced over one hun-
dred pounds of fine nuts this year. He
also has some young trees that are
coming on very nicely.

The young men had quite a lot of
fun shooting for chickens last Satur-
day.

The Methodist Sunday school had a
union Christmas tree and exercises at
Wesley Chapel on Monday evening.
There was a large crowd in attendance
and all report having a good time.
Mrs. Monsinger deserves credit for the
way in which she instructed the little
ones.

Maj. Denn has returned from Tampa,
where he has been spending a short
time.

Prof. K. H. Montgomery is spending
the Christmas holidays with his pa-
rents at Windsor.

Thos. Montgomery of Kissimmee is
spending the holidays at home.

E. K. Resborough, the genial sales-
man for the Jacksonville Grocery Co.,
was shaking hands with old friends in
Windsor the past week.

The people of Moccasin Bend report
the sugar cane crop extra good this
year.

AN IMPRESSIVE FUNCTION.

The Baker-Evans Nuptials at Island
Grove Were Well Attended.

Island Grove, Dec. 31.—The Method-
ist church at this place was the scene
of a beautiful marriage Wednesday
evening, when Mr. H. W. Baker led to
the hymenal altar Miss Florrie Evans,
the accomplished daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Wm. Evans.

The church had been most beauti-
fully and artistically decorated for the
occasion, being a perfect bower of
roses, holly and palms.

Long before the appointed hour the
church was crowded to its fullest
capacity.

Mrs. Wm. Crosby presided at the
organ, and promptly at 8 o'clock the
bridal party entered, marching to the
sweet strains of the wedding march.
The party was led by Mr. W. J. Evans
and Miss Bessie Baker, followed by
Mr. Frank Baker and Miss Annie
Price. The party very gracefully
marched up the aisle and formed a
semi-circle, the bride and groom stand-
ing in the center under a beautiful
arch of evergreens and roses. The pic-
ture was most pleasing one; the back-
ground of evergreens and the bright
young faces and beautiful dresses upon
which the lights cast their brilliant
rays, all conspired to form a picture
long to be remembered by those who
were present.

The ceremony was a most impressive
one, being conducted by Rev. M. T.
Bell, former pastor of the church at
this place.

After the ceremony the bridal party,
together with the families and friends,
repaired to the home of the bride's
parents, where, after congratulations
had been showered upon the happy
pair, a sumptuous repast was spread.

The bride is an accomplished young
lady, and Mr. Baker is to be congrat-
ulated upon his success in securing such
a prize.

The groom is a prosperous young
trucker of this place.

They were the recipients of many
useful and costly presents.

May their lives be one long contin-
uous flow of success and happiness, is
the wish of their numerous friends.

MILL AND FACTORY SALE.

Hyde's Big Store Will be Scene of
Many Bargains in Few Days.

As will be seen by the page an-
nouncement elsewhere in this issue,
the Mill and Factory Syndicate of
New York has again arranged for a
grand mill and factory sale at the big
store of Geo. W. Hyde, and a glance at
the prices will convince those who un-
derstand the value of goods that there
will be arrayed a feast of bargains at
ridiculous prices.

The Mill and Factory Syndicate, of
which Shepherd Watson is the man-
ager in this territory, make a business
of shipping goods in large quantities
to various cities, in connection with
the goods carried by regular stores in
these cities. These goods come direct
from the mills, and are sold to the
consumer at about the same price
other stores have to pay for them.

The mill and factory sale conducted
by Mr. Watson at Hyde's store last
year proved a big success, hundreds of
purchasers taking advantage of the ex-
traordinary bargains in all lines of-
fered on that occasion. This sale will
be identical. It will be astonishing in
its bargain-giving and original meth-
ods and money-saving opportunities.

Mr. Hyde, who is one of the most
progressive, as well as most conserva-
tive merchants in the State, authorizes
the statement that every article ad-
vertised will be guaranteed to be ex-
actly as represented. As an illustra-
tion of his sincerity in this matter, he
ordered the return of 5,000 yards of
calicoes shipped for this sale, to be sold
at three cents. "These goods did not
meet my approval, because I did not
consider them of any special value,
hence I returned them," he remarked.
"I will permit nothing at this sale
which will not prove as big a bargain
as we advertise."

The sale will begin at 9 o'clock Fri-
day morning, Jan. 6, and will continue
for ten days.

HOSPITAL LOT HAS BEEN SELECTED

Wilson Block, Surrounded by
Beautiful Oaks, Will be Used

FOR HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

Property Comprises One of the Most
Desirable Blocks in the City; Partic-
ularly Adapted to the Purposes for
Which it Has Been Selected.

An important meeting of the board
of trustees of the Gainesville and
Alachua County Hospital Association
was held Friday afternoon, at which
the selection of a building lot was
made.

After a careful examination of all
the lots available for the purpose, it
was decided to purchase the Wilson
block, immediately north of the Pitts
residence. This property is most ad-
mirably situated for the purpose, being
surrounded by magnificent oaks, and
in a retired, quiet locality. The selec-
tion of the committee appointed for
this purpose was a wise one, and the
committee is to be congratulated.

Among other business was the ap-
pointment of a committee to collect
subscriptions already made to the hos-
pital, and this committee expects to
begin work at once. It is to be hoped
that those subscribing will pay prompt-
ly, thus saving the committee time
and trouble.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

Miss Annie Cannon Entertained Sev-
eral Friends at Rocky Point.

One of the most pleasant social af-
fairs of the season was an entertain-
ment tendered by Miss Annie Cannon,
the accomplished young daughter of
Mrs. O. P. Cannon, Rocky Point, to a
select number of her friends Friday
evening.

This entertainment, which was in
the nature of a social, was given at the
hospital home of the young lady, and
the Gainesville young folks who at-
tended were highly pleased with the
hospitality of their hostess. There
were two carriages, and the party was
chaperoned by Mesdames J. S. Bod-
ford and H. E. Taylor, both of whom
good-naturedly admitted that they en-
joyed themselves, and "felt real young
again."

As an entertainer Miss Cannon is a
success, and those who attended this
function report a most delightful
time.

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I shall meet the tax-payers of the
following places on the dates set
opposite:

Hague—Wednesday, January 18,
Bland—Thursday, January 19,
Santa Fee—Friday, January 20,
LaCrosse—Saturday, January 21,
Rochele—Tuesday, January 24, in
forenoon.
Windsor—Tuesday, January 24, in
afternoon.
Campville—Wednesday, January 25,
Orange Heights—Thursday, Janu-
ary 26.
Melrose—Friday, January 27,
Hawthorn—Saturday, January 28,
Tacoma—Tuesday, January 31,
Micanopy—Wednesday, February 1,
Evinston—Thursday, February 2,
Island Grove—Friday, February 3,
Lake View—Saturday, February 4, in
forenoon.

Fairbanks—Monday, February 6,
Waldo—Tuesday, February 7,
Rocky Point—Thursday, February 9,
Archer—Saturday, February 11.

It is of special interest to every tax-
payer to make careful returns of their
property each year, and I request that
every one avail themselves of these
appointments.

Very respectfully,

WILLIS W. COLSON,
Tax Assessor.

Finds Husband Hanging.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Ferdinand
Sibul, a clothier, committed suicide
by hanging himself. He had been ill
and was despondent. When his wife
entered his room she ran against his
dead body swinging to a rope.